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ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY – 2017

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

The 2017 **corn** for grain crop is estimated at 5.76 million bushels, 6 percent below last year's production of 6.15 million bushels, according to the December 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average yield of 134.0 bushels per acre is 16.0 bushels per acre below the yield achieved last year. Area harvested for grain in 2017, at 43,000 acres, is 2,000 acres above last year. Acreage cut for **corn silage** is estimated at 80,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 2.00 million tons compared with 1.73 million tons produced last year.

Sorghum for grain production is estimated at 1.68 million bushels, down 52 percent from the previous year. Average yield is estimated at 35.0 bushels per acre, down 6.0 bushels per acre from last year. Producers harvested 48,000 acres for grain, down 37,000 acres from last year's area harvested. Acreage cut for **sorghum silage** is estimated at 17,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 187,000 tons compared with 234,000 tons produced last year.

Winter wheat production in New Mexico, estimated at 4.05 million bushels, is down 12 percent from 2016. Winter wheat producers seeded 330,000 acres in the fall of 2016 for harvest in 2017, down from 345,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain decreased 75,000 acres from last year to 135,000 acres in 2017. Winter wheat yield, at 30.0 bushels per acre, is up 8.0 bushels per acre from last year.

All hay production for 2017 is estimated at 1.13 million tons, up 11 percent from the 2016 total. **Alfalfa hay** production is estimated at 950,000 tons from 190,000 acres harvested, up 76,000 tons from 2016. Average yield for the 2017 crop is 5.00 tons per acre, 0.40 ton per acre above last year. **All other hay** production totaled 180,000 tons from 90,000 acres harvested, up 35,000 tons from 2016. The average yield of 2.00 tons per acre is up 0.30 ton per acre from last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in New Mexico are estimated at 15,000 acres, down 40 percent from 2016.

As of December 1, producers in New Mexico were storing 400,000 tons of **all hay**, unchanged from last year.

Peanut production is estimated at 26.60 million pounds, up 19 percent from the 22.40 million pounds produced in 2016. Growers harvested 7,600 acres this year, compared with 8,000 acres a year ago. Average yield is estimated at 3,500 pounds per acre, up 700 pounds per acre from last year.

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 114,000 480-lb bales, 11 percent above 2016. Area of all cotton harvested, at 54,400 acres, is up 5,600 acres from last year. The all cotton yield is forecast at 1,006 pounds per acre, down 1 pound from 2016. **Upland cotton** planted acres are estimated at 66,000 for 2017, with 47,000 expected to be harvested. Upland cotton production is expected to total 100,000 bales, up 14 percent from the 2016 crop. Yield is estimated at 1,021 pounds per acre, down 9 pounds from last year. **American-Pima** planted cotton acres are estimated at 7,500 for 2017, with 7,400 acres expected to be harvested. New Mexico's 2017 American-Pima production is estimated at 14,000 bales with an average yield of 908 pounds per acre.

Winter wheat seedings last fall for the 2018 crop year are estimated at 340,000 acres, up 3 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn for grain production in 2017 was estimated at 14.6 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the 2016 estimate. The average yield in the United States was estimated at a record high 176.6 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels above the 2016 average yield of 174.6 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 82.7 million acres, down 5 percent from the 2016 estimate. **Corn silage** production was

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estimated at 128 million tons for 2017, up 2 percent from 2016. The United States silage yield was estimated at 19.9 tons per acre, down 0.4 ton from 2016. Area harvested for silage was estimated at 6.43 million acres, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Sorghum grain production in 2017 is estimated at 364 million bushels, down 24 percent from the 2016 total. Planted area for 2016 is estimated at 5.63 million acres, down 16 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for grain, at 5.05 million acres, is down 18 percent from 2016. Grain yield is estimated at 72.1 bushels per acre, down 5.8 bushels from 2016. **Sorghum silage** production was estimated at 3.77 million tons, down 10 percent from 2016. Area harvested for silage was estimated at 284,000 acres, down 5 percent from the previous year. Silage yield averaged 13.3 tons per acre, down 0.7 ton per acre from 2016.

Winter wheat production for 2017 totaled 1.27 billion bushels, down 24 percent from the 2016 total of 1.67 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 50.2 bushels per acre, was down 5.1 bushels from 2016. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 25.3 million acres, down 16 percent from the previous year.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2017 was estimated at 131 million tons, down 3 percent from the revised 2016 total. Area harvested was estimated at 53.8 million acres, up one percent from 2016. The average yield, at 2.44 tons per acre, was down 0.08 ton from the previous year. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in 2017 was estimated at 55.1 million tons, down 5 percent from the 2016 total. Harvested area, at 16.6 million acres, was 2 percent below the previous year. Average yield was estimated at 3.32 tons per acre, down 0.13 ton from 2016. Production of **all other hay** in 2017 totaled 76.4 million tons, down less than 1 percent from the revised 2016 total. Harvested area, at 37.2 million acres, was up 2 percent from the previous year. Average yield was estimated at 2.05 tons per acre, down 0.05 ton from the previous year's revised record high. Growers seeded 2.21 million acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** during 2017, down 3 percent from 2016.

All hay stored on United States farms as of December 1, 2017 totaled 86.2 million tons, down 10 percent from the previous December. Disappearance from May 1, 2017 - December 1, 2017 totaled 69.6 million tons, compared with 64.3 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

Peanut production was estimated at a record high 7.23 billion pounds, up 30 percent from 2016. Planted area was estimated at 1.87 million acres, up 12 percent from 2016. Harvested area was estimated at 1.78 million acres, up 16 percent from 2016. The average yield was estimated at 4,074 pounds per acre, up 440 pounds from 2016.

All cotton production is estimated at 21.3 million 480-pound bales, up 24 percent from 2016. The United States yield is estimated at 899 pounds per acre, up 32 pounds from last year. Harvested area, at 11.3 million acres, is up 19 percent from last year. **Upland cotton** production was estimated at 20.6 million 480-pound bales, up 24 percent from the previous year. The United States yield for Upland cotton is estimated at 889 pounds per acre, up 34 pounds from 2016. Upland planted area, estimated at 12.4 million acres, was up 25 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 11.1 million acres, was up 19 percent from the previous year. **American Pima** producers planted 251,500 acres in 2017, up 29 percent from 2016. Harvested area, at 247,900 acres, was up 32 percent from the previous year. Production was estimated at 693,000 bales (480-pound), up 22 percent from 2016. The United States yield is estimated at 1,342 pounds per acre, down 112 pounds from the previous year.

Winter wheat seeded area for 2018 is expected to total 32.6 million acres, down less than 1 percent from 2017. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 23.1 million; Soft Red Winter, 5.98 million; and White Winter, 3.56 million.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production 2017 Summary* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.